

# Eye on the World

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**Luke 21:34-36**—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled " 'The Inmates Are Running the Asylum' ": UN Hands Human Rights Council Seats to China, Russia, Cuba" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 13, 2020. Following is the article.

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Human rights advocates chalked up a partial victory in New York on Tuesday when Saudi Arabia failed to win a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Council. But despite a strong lobbying effort China, Russia, Cuba, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan were ushered onto the world body's top human rights watchdog for three-year terms beginning January 1.

The outcome of the secret ballot election by the full U.N. General Assembly means that more than one-quarter of the members of the Geneva-based HRC next year—13 of the 47—will be autocracies graded as "not free" by Freedom House. The Washington-based democracy advocacy group grades countries each year on political freedoms and civil liberties.

"The inmates are running the asylum," commented U.N. Watch executive director Hillel Neuer, who led a campaign urging democracies to withhold support for rights abusers.

"Think of poisoned Russian dissident Alex Navalny," Neuer said. "Think of Chinese political prisoner Wang Bingzhang. Think of the family of slain Cuban opposition leader Oswaldo Payá. What kind of message did the U.N. just send them today?"

Five of next year's members—Eritrea, Somalia, Libya, Uzbekistan, and China—fall in the bottom 12 of the 195 countries evaluated in Freedom House's latest assessment.

The Trump administration exited the HRC in 2018, citing among other things the poor quality of its membership.

"These elections only further validate the U.S. decision to withdraw and use other venues and opportunities to protect and promote universal human rights," said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, noting that despite appeals the General Assembly had "once again elected countries with abhorrent human rights records, including China, Russia, and Cuba."

Apart from the 13 "not free" HRC members next year, another 15 will be among those ranked as "partly free," and the remaining 19 will be "free" democracies. With the exception of 2016, when 18 of the 47 members were "free," the council in 2021 will have the smallest caucus of free democracies of any year in its 14-year history.

Membership terms are staggered, so 15 of the 47 seats were filled in Tuesday's election—four each for Africa and Asia, three for Latin America, and two each for Eastern Europe and the Western Europe and Others (WEOG) group.

Asia was the only group that provided a contest—five candidates for four seats—and Saudi Arabia fared worst, receiving 90 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. The four Asia seats went to China (139 votes), Nepal (150), Pakistan (169) and Uzbekistan (169).

The four Africa seats went to Cote d'Ivoire (182), Malawi (180), Gabon (176), and Senegal (188). In the Latin American group, Cuba (170), Bolivia (172) and Mexico (175) were handed seats. The two Eastern Europe seats went to Russia (158) and Ukraine (166), while Britain (165) and France (167) took the two WEOG seats.



An article by Lahav Harkov titled "Israel Denies Visas to UN Human Rights Staff After Settlement Blacklist" was posted at [jpost.com](https://jpost.com) on Oct. 15, 2020. Following is the article.

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Israel has declined to renew the visas of most of the international workers of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the months after its publication of a blacklist of companies doing business in Judea and Samaria.

OHCHR spokesman Rupert Colville confirmed on Thursday that nine out of 12 foreign staff members have left Israel since August, because their visas were not renewed. Three other workers who were to begin working in Israel were not allowed entry, and another three remain until their visas expire in the coming months.

The Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the matter but referred to a statement from former foreign minister Israel Katz about the OHCHR's settlement blacklist.

The UN published its database in February of 112 businesses operating in east Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Judea and Samaria. It was the first list of its kind about any country.

Although the list did not specifically accuse the companies of violating international law, Israel, which argues that such business activity is legal, feared the blacklist would be used to support boycotts.

At the time, the Foreign Ministry announced it was cutting ties with the OHCHR, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that "whoever boycotts us will be boycotted."

Some OHCHR staff visas were renewed for short periods in March and June, but all renewal requests submitted since June have been rejected.

The OHCHR offices in Israel have not closed, and 26 Israeli and Palestinian workers remain but the international staff were working remotely anyway due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so Colville said that "operationally speaking, there has been little impact so far."

Still, over time, the absence of international staff from the West Bank "will obviously negatively impact on our ability to carry out our mandate in the best way possible," he added.

"We continue to hope that this situation will be resolved soon and we are actively engaged with various relevant and concerned parties to that end," Colville stated.

"It is important to note that our staff regularly monitor and report on all human rights violations that take place in the territory they cover, whether committed by or against Palestinians or Israelis, migrants or others."

In response to the Israeli government acting on its threat against the OHCHR, Anne Herzberg, legal adviser for the NGO Monitor think tank said "this development is not surprising given OHCHR's official embrace of efforts to damage the Israeli economy.

"High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet caved to the demands of BDS activists to publish a blacklist of Israeli companies and refused to interact with NGOs that opposed this campaign," Herzberg said. "In addition, local OHCHR officials have refused to meet with leading Israeli experts on issues such as juvenile justice, because those experts did not fully embrace the Palestinian narrative. These actions suggest OHCHR's willingness to be a party to the conflict rather than abide by its humanitarian obligations of impartiality and non-politicization."

In the February statement that the Foreign Ministry referred to on Thursday, Katz called the list a "stain" on the OHCHR and called Bachelet an accomplice of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

"The Commissioner wasted an opportunity to preserve the dignity of the UN and salvage what was left of the [Human Rights] Council and Commission's integrity. This decision will have serious implications for our future relations with the Council and the Commissioner," Katz said.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, who was strategic affairs minister at the time, said in February that the list was compiled in cooperation with NGOs that are affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, recognized as a terrorist organization by the US, the EU and others.

Diplomatic sources said at the time that Israel had only been given an hour's notice about the list's publication, and it was from the US, not from Bachelet.

Joint List MK Yousef Jabareen called the rejected visa renewals "a continuation of a policy of persecuting human rights activists that are supervising the violations of Palestinians' human rights."

Jabareen said Israel is the one with a blacklist, in that it is trying to limit human rights workers' movement, and that doing so violates international law.



An article by Joshua Robbin Marks titled "Saudi Arabia's Failed UNHRC Bid Not Just About Human Rights" was posted at [jpost.com](http://jpost.com) on Oct. 16, 2020. Following is the article.

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Saudi Arabia's failed membership bid to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is not necessarily due to the kingdom's alleged abuses and is a sign that the inter-governmental body is in need of major reforms, UN and Saudi watchers tell *The Media Line*.

On Tuesday, the 193-member General Assembly voted in a secret ballot for 15 countries to serve a three-year term on the 47-seat UNHRC.

Of its five regions, Asia-Pacific was the only competitive race, with five candidates vying for four spots. Saudi Arabia received just 90 votes, 60 behind fourth-place finisher Nepal and a 40% drop from Riyadh's last election to the council in 2016, when it ran unopposed.

"The Saudi rejection is illustrative of the decline in Saudi soft power over the past five years and, in terms of timing, is awkward given the Saudi determination to play a more active global role, especially in hosting the G20 this year," Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, fellow for the Middle East at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, told *The Media Line*.

Analysts say there is more going on than the kingdom's alleged persecution of women's rights activists and atrocities in the war in Yemen, as well the high-profile death of Jamal Khashoggi. The US-based journalist and critic of Saudi Arabia's government was murdered just over two years ago inside Riyadh's consulate in Istanbul.

They point to the fact that serial rights abusers China and Russia won seats on the council.

"The member states do not generally reveal who they vote for or why, but it is clear that Saudi Arabia was not rejected on principle," Brett Schaefer, a senior research fellow for international regulatory affairs at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, told *The Media Line*. "If it were, how did China, which is committing gross crimes against the Uighurs, win a seat on the council?"

Adds Schaefer: "There is something seriously wrong with a process that has Cuba, Mexico, Pakistan, Uzbekistan and other countries with flawed human rights records earning more votes than France or the UK."

The United States withdrew from the UNHRC in 2018. Announcing the decision in Washington alongside US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, then-US ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley cited "chronic bias" against Israel.

US Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has said that he would rejoin the council should he be elected in November.

Human rights organizations cheered the kingdom's rejection.

"Grounds for electing a certain country are not known, but it surely demonstrates an increasing pressure on Saudi Arabia and mounting awareness of the gross abuses taking place in the country," Inès Osman, director of the MENA Rights Group, told *The Media Line*.

Since the UNHRC's inception in 2006, Saudi Arabia has been elected for four mandates of three years, between 2006 and 2012, and again from 2014 to 2019. Countries are not eligible after two consecutive three-year terms, which is why the kingdom could not seek membership in 2013 and 2020.

Tuesday was the first time it failed to be elected.

Still, even with the votes against Saudi Arabia, human rights activists acknowledge that the body needs significant changes.

Louis Charbonneau, United Nations director at Human Rights Watch, says the lack of competition allows for countries with abysmal human rights records to sit on a body that is supposed to be the antithesis of what they represent.

"When there's competition, governments actually have to defend their records, and as we saw in the case of Saudi Arabia, they weren't able to do that. We and others pointed out that they simply don't qualify," Charbonneau told *The Media Line*.

He points out that if there had been even more competition in the Asia-Pacific region, China would have probably lost, calling this "a proper outcome."

Kristin Smith Diwan, a senior resident scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, says that despite the "admittedly murky and indiscriminate process" of UNHRC elections, the extra-judicial killing of a dissident like Khashoggi may have been too much.

"It is hard to be encouraged when clear abusers such as Russia and China are on the council," Diwan told *The Media Line*. "But Saudi reformers and human rights activists may take some satisfaction from this setback."



An article by Tzvi Joffre “ ‘Major’ Cyberattack Targets Government Agencies in Iran” was posted at [jpost.com](http://jpost.com) on Oct. 14, 2020. Following is the article.

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A “major” cyberattack targeted at least two government agencies in Iran recently, Iran’s National Computer Emergency Response Team (Maher) announced on Wednesday, according to Iranian media.

The announcement was made after reports of a large cyberattack spread on social media. The team stressed that the relevant authorities are investigating the incident.

Some government agencies in Iran suspended some services and performed technical tests as precautionary measures after receiving warnings about the attack, according to Iranian media.

Maher denied that there was any evidence of a widespread attack on any other agencies so far except for the two that were mentioned.

The open source intelligence social media account Intelli Times reported that the attacks were attributed to Israel. No party has claimed responsibility for the attack and Iranian government officials have not stated whether the attack was domestic or foreign.

According to Radio Farda, a number of earlier reports mentioned attacks targeting Iran’s Ports and Shipping Organization and issues arising at ports and banks. Some reports indicated that a port in Bandar Abbas, located near the Strait of Hormuz, was targeted in the attack.

Iran reported a cyberattack on the Shahid Rajaei Port located near the Strait of Hormuz earlier this year and three cyberattacks within one week back in December, at least one of which was allegedly “state-sponsored.”

Iranian Minister of Communications and Information Technology Mohammad Javad Azari Jahromi claimed that two of the three attacks in December were repelled by the country’s security shield.

Jahromi claimed that the Islamic Republic’s national cybersecurity wall, known as Digital Fortress or Dezhfa, helped thwart 33 million cyberattacks against the country in 2019, according to Fars News Service.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- An article by Jerusalem Post Staff titled “Sudan to Normalize Ties With Israel After U.S. Ultimatum: Report” was posted at [jpost.com](https://jpost.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Dan Williams titled “UAE Visit to Israel May Be Held at Airport Due to Coronavirus” was posted at [reuters.com](https://reuters.com) on Oct. 16, 2020.
- An article by Donna Rachel Edmunds titled “ Hamas’TV: Islam Allows for Murder of Jews As They Are Criminals” was posted at [jpost.com](https://jpost.com) on Oct. 16, 2020.
- An article by Alan Boyle titled “U.S. and Seven Other Nations Sign Artemis Accords to Cooperate on Moon Missions” was posted at [yahoo.com](https://yahoo.com) on Oct. 13, 2020.
- An article by Stuti Mishra titled “Indian Man Who Fasted for Four Days ‘to Pray for Trump’s Coronavirus Recovery’ Dies of Cardiac Arrest” was posted at [independent.co.uk](https://independent.co.uk) on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article by Justin Huggler titled “German Children Told to Bring Blankets to School As Windows Left Open to Prevent Infection” was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](https://telegraph.co.uk) on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article by James Carstensen titled “Turkey’s Resumption of Mediterranean Provocations Brings Fresh Sanctions Warnings” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://cnsnews.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Faycal Benhassain titled “Macron Under Fire Over Release of Hostages in Exchange for Sahel Jihadists” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://cnsnews.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- A video and an article by Kurt Zindulka titled “Watch: French Fishermen Fire Flares, Throw Frying Pans and Oil at British Boats” were posted at [breitbart.com](https://breitbart.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Yuka Obayashi and Kaori Kancko titled “Japan to Release Fukushima’s Contaminated Water Into Sea” was posted at [reuters.com](https://reuters.com) on Oct. 16, 2020.
- An article by Emma-Jo Morris and Gabrielle Fonrouge titled “Smoking-Gun Email Reveals How Hunter Biden Introduced Ukrainian Businessman to VP Dad” was posted at [nypost.com](https://nypost.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Thomas Barrabi titled “New Hunter Biden Emails Detail Alleged Dealings With Chinese Energy Firm, Burisma Executive” was posted at [foxnews.com](https://foxnews.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.
- An article by Tucker Carlson titled “New Emails Reveal Exactly What Burisma Wanted From Joe Biden” was posted at [foxnews.com](https://foxnews.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.



An article by Rebecca Mansour titled “Read: Judge Amy Coney Barrett’s Opening Statement Ahead of Her Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://breitbart.com) on Oct. 11, 2020. Following is the article.

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President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, released the text of her opening remarks ahead of her Senate confirmation hearing on Monday.

The following is the full text of Barrett's prepared opening statement to be delivered before the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow morning:

"Chairman [Lindsey] Graham, Ranking Member [Dianne] Feinstein, and Members of the Committee: I am honored and humbled to appear before you as a nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

"I thank the President for entrusting me with this profound responsibility, as well as for the graciousness that he and the First Lady have shown my family throughout this process.

"I thank Senator [Todd] Young for introducing me, as he did at my hearing to serve on the Seventh Circuit. I thank Senator [Mike] Braun for his generous support. And I am especially grateful to former Dean Patty O'Hara of Notre Dame Law School. She hired me as a professor nearly 20 years ago and has been a mentor, colleague, and friend ever since.

"I thank the Members of this Committee—and your other colleagues in the Senate—who have taken the time to meet with me since my nomination. It has been a privilege to meet you.

"As I said when I was nominated to serve as a Justice, I am used to being in a group of nine—my family. Nothing is more important to me, and I am so proud to have them behind me.

"My husband Jesse and I have been married for 21 years. He has been a selfless and wonderful partner at every step along the way. I once asked my sister, "Why do people say marriage is hard? I think it's easy." She said, "Maybe you should ask Jesse if he agrees." I decided not to take her advice. I know that I am far luckier in love than I deserve.

"Jesse and I are parents to seven wonderful children. Emma is a sophomore in college who just might follow her parents into a career in the law. Vivian came to us from Haiti. When she arrived, she was so weak that we were told she might never walk or talk normally. She now deadlifts as much as the male athletes at our gym, and I assure you that she has no trouble talking. Tess is 16, and while she shares her parents' love for the liberal arts, she also has a math gene that seems to have skipped her parents' generation. John Peter joined us shortly after the devastating earthquake in Haiti, and Jesse, who brought him home, still describes the shock on JP's face when he got off the plane in wintertime Chicago. Once that shock wore off, JP assumed the happy-go-lucky attitude that is still his signature trait. Liam is smart, strong, and kind, and to our delight, he still loves watching movies with Mom and Dad. Ten-year-old Juliet is already pursuing her goal of becoming an author by writing multiple essays and short stories, including one she recently submitted for publication. And our youngest—Benjamin, who has Down Syndrome—is the unanimous favorite of the family.

"My own siblings are here, some in the hearing room and some nearby. Carrie, Megan, Eileen, Amanda, Vivian, and Michael are my oldest and dearest friends. We've seen each other through both the happy and hard parts of life, and I am so grateful that they are with me now.

"My parents, Mike and Linda Coney, are watching from their New Orleans home. My father was a lawyer and my mother was a teacher, which explains how I ended up as a law professor. More important, my parents modeled for me and my six siblings a life of service, principle, faith, and love. I remember preparing for a grade-school spelling bee against a boy in my class. To boost my confidence, Dad sang, "Anything boys can do, girls can do better." At least as I remember it, I spelled my way to victory.

"I received similar encouragement from the devoted teachers at St. Mary's Dominican, my all-girls high school in New Orleans. When I went to college, it never occurred to me that anyone would consider girls to be less capable than boys. My freshman year, I took a literature class filled with upperclassmen English majors. When I did my first presentation—on Breakfast at Tiffany's—I feared I had failed. But my professor filled me with confidence, became a mentor, and—when I graduated with a degree in English—gave me Truman Capote's collected works.

"Although I considered graduate studies in English, I decided my passion for words was better suited to deciphering statutes than novels. I was fortunate to have wonderful legal mentors—in particular, the judges for whom I clerked. The legendary Judge Laurence Silberman of the D.C. Circuit gave me my first job in the law and continues to teach me today. He was by my side during my Seventh Circuit hearing and investiture, and he is cheering me on from his living room now.

"I also clerked for Justice Scalia, and like many law students, I felt like I knew the justice before I ever met him, because I had read so many of his colorful, accessible opinions. More than the style of his writing, though, it was the content of Justice Scalia's reasoning that shaped me. His judicial philosophy was straightforward: A judge must apply the law as written, not as the judge wishes it were. Sometimes that approach meant reaching results that he did not like. But as he put it in one of his best known opinions, that is what it means to say we have a government of laws, not of men.

"Justice Scalia taught me more than just law. He was devoted to his family, resolute in his beliefs, and fearless of criticism. And as I embarked on my own legal career, I resolved to maintain that same perspective. There is a tendency in our profession to treat the practice of law as all-consuming, while losing sight of everything else. But that makes for a shallow and unfulfilling life. I worked hard as a lawyer and a professor; I owed that to my clients, my students, and myself. But I never let the law define my identity or crowd out the rest of my life.

"A similar principle applies to the role of courts. Courts have a vital responsibility to enforce the rule of law, which is critical to a free society. But courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life. The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made

by the political branches elected by and accountable to the People. The public should not expect courts to do so, and courts should not try.

“That is the approach I have strived to follow as a judge on the Seventh Circuit. In every case, I have carefully considered the arguments presented by the parties, discussed the issues with my colleagues on the court, and done my utmost to reach the result required by the law, whatever my own preferences might be. I try to remain mindful that, while my court decides thousands of cases a year, each case is the most important one to the parties involved. After all, cases are not like statutes, which are often named for their authors. Cases are named for the parties who stand to gain or lose in the real world, often through their liberty or livelihood.

“When I write an opinion resolving a case, I read every word from the perspective of the losing party. I ask myself how would I view the decision if one of my children was the party I was ruling against: Even though I would not like the result, would I understand that the decision was fairly reasoned and grounded in the law? That is the standard I set for myself in every case, and it is the standard I will follow as long as I am a judge on any court.

“When the President offered this nomination, I was deeply honored. But it was not a position I had sought out, and I thought carefully before accepting. The confirmation process—and the work of serving on the Court if I am confirmed—requires sacrifices, particularly from my family. I chose to accept the nomination because I believe deeply in the rule of law and the place of the Supreme Court in our Nation. I believe Americans of all backgrounds deserve an independent Supreme Court that interprets our Constitution and laws as they are written. And I believe I can serve my country by playing that role.

“I come before this Committee with humility about the responsibility I have been asked to undertake, and with appreciation for those who came before me. I was nine years old when Sandra Day O’Connor became the first woman to sit in this seat. She was a model of grace and dignity throughout her distinguished tenure on the Court. When I was 21 years old and just beginning my career, Ruth Bader Ginsburg sat in this seat. She told the Committee, ‘What has become of me could only happen in America.’ I have been nominated to fill Justice Ginsburg’s seat, but no one will ever take her place. I will be forever grateful for the path she marked and the life she led.

“If confirmed, it would be the honor of a lifetime to serve alongside the Chief Justice and seven Associate Justices. I admire them all and would consider each a valued colleague. And I might bring a few new perspectives to the bench. As the President noted when he announced my nomination, I would be the first mother of school-age children to serve on the Court. I would be the first Justice to join the Court from the Seventh Circuit in 45 years. And I would be the only sitting Justice who didn’t attend law school at Harvard or Yale. I am confident that Notre Dame will hold its own, and maybe I could even teach them a thing or two about football.

“As a final note, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the many Americans from all walks of life who have reached out with messages of support over the course

of my nomination. I believe in the power of prayer, and it has been uplifting to hear that so many people are praying for me. I look forward to answering the Committee's questions over the coming days. And if I am fortunate enough to be confirmed, I pledge to faithfully and impartially discharge my duties to the American people as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Thank you."



An article by Tim Hains titled "Sen. Kamala Harris Questions Supreme Court Nominee Amy Coney Barrett" was posted at [realclearpolitics.com](https://realclearpolitics.com) on Oct. 13, 2020. Following is the article.

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Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., questioned Judge Amy Coney Barrett on the second day of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

Harris laid out the stakes surrounding the survival of the Affordable Care Act, which provides insurance to millions of Americans, particularly in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Harris asked Barrett if she would consider the 135 million people who gained protections under the law if it were to come before the court, and if so, how much she would weigh that fact.

Barrett said she could not give any kind of pre-commitment to that question.

The Oct. 13 hearing comes three weeks before Election Day. The second of four days of scheduled testimony gave senators an opportunity to ask Barrett about her record and approach to the law.



Looking back to August, an article by Tim Hains titled "Kamala Harris Dismisses Past Biden Criticism: 'It Was [During] a Debate' " was posted at [realclearpolitics.com](https://realclearpolitics.com) on Aug. 17, 2020. Following is the article.

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During a June 2019 appearance on CBS's "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert, Sen. Kamala Harris said that despite her bashing Joe Biden at a recent primary debate, she would support the Democratic candidate, no matter who it was.

"How do you go from being such a passionate opponent on such bedrock principles for you, and now you guys seem to be pals?" Colbert asked.

"It was a debate," Harris said about her fierce attacks on Biden.

"Not everyone landed punches like you did, though," Colbert said.

"It was a debate," Harris repeated, laughing.

Colbert: "So you didn't mean it?"

"It was a debate," she said again.



An article by John Stossel titled "Biased Media" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

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"A pioneer devoted to equality."

That was The Washington Post's headline about Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

But when Justice Antonin Scalia died, the headline was, "Supreme Court conservative dismayed liberals."

When the founder of ISIS was killed, the headline was: "Austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies."

But when President Donald Trump's brother died, the headline was, "younger brother of President Trump who filed lawsuit against niece, dies."

At news conferences, Vice President Biden gets softball questions. After an article in The Atlantic claimed Trump called fallen military members "losers," one reporter asked Biden, "What does it tell you about President Trump's soul?"

"It's not even softball!" complains The Hill's media reporter, Joe Concha. "It's T-ball, except when you put a beach ball on the tee!" Trump does get nastier questions.

What we used to call "mainstream media" is now "woke" media. Many don't even try to be objective. That's the topic of my new video this week.

Watching CNN during this summer's protests, I noticed that reporters kept calling protests "mostly peaceful," even when reporting violence.

CNN posted the words, "Mostly peaceful protests" on the screen when flaming cars were on the street behind their reporter. CNN defended itself, citing a study that said "93% of protests were . . . peaceful."

But that's silly. When planes crash, we don't put "99% landed safely" on the screen. As Concha puts it, "When people start dying and losing their businesses, that's your story!"

I push back: "Most people who work there consider themselves journalists. They try to get it right."

"I don't know if I agree with that, John," Concha replies. "More and more are playing to a crowd."

CNN once tried to look like a neutral news network. No more. Now it does whatever it can to scare people or make Trump look bad. In March, CNN sneered at the president for misleading people by claiming the U.S. did more

covid-19 tests than any other country. They, correctly, pointed out that per capita, "South Korea and Italy tested many times more."

CNN was right to adjust for population. But then, to make Trump look worse, CNN suddenly stopped adjusting for population.

They scolded the president, saying, "The U.S. had more coronavirus cases than any country in the world!"

But that's just wrong! Adjusted for population, 28 countries, including France, England, Ireland and Norway had more cases.

CNN sneers at Trump all day.

I asked their spokesperson if CNN considers its reporting objective. No response.

During the Democratic National Convention, CNN didn't bother fact-checking Democrats' speeches. But during Trump's speech at the Republican Convention, CNN suddenly put up a black ticker tape "fact-check" across the screen.

Why not fact-check the DNC, too?

"There's a reason we didn't fact-check Democrats!" said CNN's Chris Cuomo. "They are not lying the way Trump does."

But they lie, too.

Democrats were deceitful enough that the AP and BBC found a need to fact-check.

For example, Michelle Obama complained that under Trump, "children are torn from their families and thrown into cages!" But that border-control policy began under her husband's administration.

CNN's Van Jones admits that CNN overtly favors Biden, saying after Biden's acceptance speech, "As long as he didn't embarrass himself, we were going to come out here and praise it."

"Maybe CNN's just being honest," I say to Concha. When I was at ABC, everyone pretended to be apolitical (but nearly all were on the left).

Concha replies, "CNN's prime-time lineup, Anderson Cooper, Chris Cuomo and Don Lemon, have the title of anchor, not opinion maker." Fox at least calls its prime-time anchors "opinion" hosts. News hosts like Chris Wallace and Bret Baier play it pretty straight.

It's clear that most reporters don't like Trump—or even Republicans. Last election, 96% of journalists' political donations went to Hillary Clinton.

Why?

"Our national media are in two cities, New York and Washington," says Concha. "When you're surrounded by everybody else in a city and newsroom that goes the other way, it's almost impossible not to start to conform."



An article by Matt Vespa titled “Liberal Reporter [Michael Tracey] Notes the Biggest Ally of White Supremacy and It Isn’t Trump” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 1, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Love him or hate him, Michael Tracey offers commentary that neither side is truly going to like, but it’s necessary, nonetheless. Progressives hate him because he shatters their fragile narratives about racism, Black Lives Matter, Russian collusion, and the overall Trump derangement that has engulfed the Democratic Party and the liberal media establishment. He’s not a conservative, so there you have it regarding what he says about the GOP. Still, to get an honest take from the other side, he’s worth a follow.

As of now, he seems to be angering the Left more with his pervasive attacks against the insanity that has engulfed his side of the aisle for almost four years.

During the debate on Tuesday, he ripped the media for recycling the white supremacist nonsense again. First, he noted that he’s been on the ground to areas heavily impacted by leftist riots. There were no white supremacists.

■ On September 30, he wrote: “As someone who spent two months covering the aftermath of the most widespread riots in at least 50 years, this never-ending fixation with illusory organized ‘white supremacist’ groups couldn’t be more absurd. It’s 99% a media invention totally disconnected from reality.”

■ On September 30, he wrote: “ ‘Proud Boys’ and similar groups would be marginal non-entities if the media didn’t chronically exaggerate their influence to advance a fictitious narrative—it’s such a joke that they would even be mentioned in a presidential debate.”

■ On October 1, he wrote: “It’s fun when self-proclaimed leftists mindlessly regurgitate evidence-free FBI claims when it appears to support their delusional certainty that white supremacist militias are the biggest power centers in contemporary US society.”

■ On October 1, he wrote: “The biggest ally of the small number of ‘white supremacists’ who actually do exist is the hysterical profit-driven corporate media—as well as activist dupes who march in lockstep—which constantly pumps up these non-entities for clicks, ratings and cheap anti-Trump theatrics.”

■ On October 1, he wrote: “Left-wing media activists can make fun of Tom Friedman all they want, but their comically apocalyptic conception of Trump is roughly the same as his. Bernie screams about the need for a Popular Front; AOC says literal fascism is on the ballot, etc.”

■ On October 1, he wrote: “NYT finally discovers the existence of nationwide insurrectionary anarchist networks, around four months late. But we’re all supposed to be in a panic about dumpy guys who think Gavin McInnes is funny.”

■ On October 1, he wrote: "Manufacturing hysteria around 'Proud Boys' and other joke right-wing groups is a standard left/liberal conformity-enforcing tactic. Instead of producing a rational argument against Trump (not difficult) they once again use emotional manipulation to stoke fake 'fascism' fears."

■ On October 1, he wrote: "The media's total incuriosity about the ideological underpinnings of the most pervasive riots in half a century now creates a situation where pundits can say with a straight face that the most worrisome source of potential street unrest are joke organizations like 'Proud Boys'."

■ On September 30, he wrote: "Trump has rejected the premise of 'WILL YOU DISAVOW???' questions for five years because the questions are virtually always asked in bad faith. And the term 'white supremacist' has been stretched beyond recognition, so who exactly would he be 'condemning'?"

That's sure to trigger the liberal media, but Tracey added, "'Proud Boys' and similar groups would be marginal non-entities if the media didn't chronically exaggerate their influence to advance a fictitious narrative."

Well, of course, you can imagine the reactions to this from the lefties. His latest thread is sure to bring the left-wing clowns into full froth, where Tracey highlights the real allies of white supremacy: the liberal media.

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An article by black conservative Larry Elder titled "Breonna Taylor Case: Black Kentucky Attorney General Called 'Sellout,' Compared to Slavemaster" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

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Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, who spoke at the Republican National Convention, declined to bring murder charges against the three white officers involved in the tragic shooting of Louisville's Breonna Taylor, a Black woman.

Contrary to the public assertion made by a Taylor family lawyer, Cameron, who is Black, said the Louisville police did not go to the wrong address when executing a search warrant. Nor was Taylor shot and killed in her bed, as also publicly asserted by the family lawyer.

Ben Crump, a spokesman and defense attorney for the Taylor family, falsely claimed the police went to the wrong address.

And in a statement full of inaccuracies, Crump, who negotiated a \$12 million settlement with Louisville, said, "Taylor and her boyfriend were asleep in their apartment when Louisville Police burst into the home without warning using a battering ram, in search of a suspect who was already in their custody."

Cameron carefully, methodically and with sensitivity to the Taylor family reviewed the evidence and explained why the law and facts did not warrant murder charges, however massive the intensity of the public's passion for charges. Cameron said: "Evidence shows that officers both knocked and announced their presence at the apartment. The officers' statements about their announcement are corroborated by an independent witness who was near, in a proximity to Apartment 4 . . . When officers were unable to get anyone to answer or open the door to apartment four, the decision was made to breach the door."

A man inside the apartment fired, striking an officer, and the officers returned fire, killing Taylor.

The anger over Cameron's decision was fierce, ugly and personal. At a press conference arranged by the Taylor family attorney, Tamika Mallory, co-founder of the Women's March, said: "I thought about the ships that went into Fort Monroe and Jamestown with our people on them over 400 years ago and how there were also Black men on those ships that were responsible for bringing our people over here."

"Daniel Cameron is no different than the sellout Negroes that sold our people into slavery and helped white men to capture our people, to abuse them, and to traffic them while our women were raped, while our men were raped by savages."

Sophia A. Nelson, who often appears as a pundit on CNN, tweeted: "Uncle Tom. Step & fetch Negro. The end."

But perhaps the viciousness award goes to retired Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant Cheryl Dorsey, who said: "Let me say this as a Black woman: He does not speak for Black folks. He's skin-folk, but he is not kin-folk. And so just like he thinks they can't speak for Kentucky because he's up there with a Black face, he does not speak for all of us. This was not a tragedy. This was a murder. He should be ashamed of himself."

Cameron is also being attacked because he is not only a Black Republican but also a Black Republican who spoke passionately at the Republican National Convention in support of President Donald Trump.

About the opposition to him because he is a Black Republican, Cameron once tweeted: "Yesterday, a liberal attorney said I should stop eating 'coon flakes' in a Courier Journal interview. I am a proud lifelong Republican, part of a diverse KY GOP ticket, and yes I support Donald Trump. It's time to stop telling black Americans what we're allowed to believe."

Women's March co-founder Mallory and Dorsey are exactly why I produced the documentary "Uncle Tom," which addresses the attacks against Black conservatives for the crime of thinking differently. The film, now available on iTunes, Amazon Prime and Roku, has received a 9.4 rating on IMDb and a 98 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

"Uncle Tom" asks simple questions.

- Are Blacks free to think for themselves?

Black conservatives support low taxes, strong borders, choice in public schools. They want to reevaluate the welfare state on the grounds that it destabilizes the American family, no matter the race.

- Can a Black conservative advocate for school choice and debate its merit without being dismissed as a Black conservative “sellout” for supporting choice?
- Are Blacks allowed to hold conservative views without being eviscerated by the Mallorys and the Dorseys as self-loathers, coconuts, Oreos, “Uncle Toms” and other names unfit for family consumption?

*The New York Times* executive editor Dean Baquet, who is Black, once admitted, “The left, as a rule, does not want to hear thoughtful disagreement.”

Well, the Black left doesn’t believe that there is such a thing called thoughtful disagreement—at least not thoughtful disagreement with a Black conservative.

“Uncle Tom” does not tell viewers what to think. The film says Blacks are free to think for themselves. We would be happy to provide copies of “Uncle Tom” for Mallory and Dorsey.



An article by Beth Baumann titled “Black Lives Matter Protester Reveals What the Real Goal of the Movement Is” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 3, 2020. Following is an excerpt of the article.

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Last week—almost one month to the day after the riots in Kenosha took place—I had the opportunity to visit the destruction that was left behind. I talked to at least one resident who was working hard to rebuild her neighborhood. Despite the city needing to rebuild and focus on bringing back small businesses, Black Lives Matter protesters, once again, took to the street to make their demands known.

The group gathered and marched arm-in-arm with Jesse Jackson in hopes of sparking “real systemic change.”

Before the march started, I had the opportunity to talk to a few who gathered.

One of them, who referred to himself as a “street medic” (generally people who don’t have any formal education or medical training), explained that the ultimate goal of the BLM movement, at least in his eyes, is to destroy capitalism. Of course, he wants to do away with our current system and implement socialism.

“No systemic change has ever happened by just voting and going home. Direct action gets the goods and only direct action gets the goods,” he explained.

When asked what changes he would like to see, the street medic said he “would like to see the police stop killing U.S. citizens and non-citizens alike, especially black Americans who are disproportionately targeted by these state [inaudible].”

“What we really need is to attack the source of the problem, which is capitalism itself,” he explained.

When pressed about what system he would implement instead of capitalism, he folded and admitted socialism was the obvious choice.

“Well, the dream choice would obviously be socialism, with the means of production are publicly owned but I’m not speaking for organizers of this event. This is just my personal view,” he said.

He also said every city should have a Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) where there are people elected to a council that has “hiring, firing, and budgetary power over every police force in every community.”



An article by Ken Blackwell titled “Weak Mayors Choose Politics Over Protecting People” was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 8, 2020. Following is the article.

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When I became mayor of Cincinnati in 1979, I took an oath pledging to protect the citizens under my care. As treasurer of Ohio and later its secretary of state, I took nearly identical oaths of public service.

Every local official and governor makes similar binding commitments. Their primary responsibility under oath is adherence to the Constitution and “performing and discharging the duties” of the office, including the protection of the lives, prosperity, and property of their citizens.

No oath includes a directive for mayors or any official to sacrifice other people’s safety in order to achieve a political goal in an upcoming election. If breaking an oath of service was a criminal offense, many of our liberal politicians would be serving a life sentence in jail.

Damage to American cities from recent riots and looting is likely to exceed \$2 billion. That does not include the incalculable personal cost to individuals who have lost life savings and livelihoods.

It is difficult to afford business insurance in high-crime urban areas, and many minority and immigrant business owners in decimated cities can’t get insurance because of riots. They are left with no savings, income, or hope of financial recovery.

Don’t their incomes matter? Their families? Their bills?

Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, New York City, and Louisville have four things in common: lawlessness and destruction, terrified citizens, Democrat mayors and governors, and governing executives who do little to keep them safe.

The end goal of these officials appears to be allowing local violence to go unchecked so they can blame it on the president of the United States. In other words, it’s about votes.

As violent protesters were destroying Minneapolis, Mayor Jacob Frey asked them to social distance, then asked President Trump for federal (taxpayer) aid to cover the millions in damage caused by the unchecked riots.

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan referred to violent rioters as "patriots," called for defunding police, and then claimed antifa's use of explosives was President's Trump's way of practicing for martial law.

After more than 120 days of riots by leftist groups causing tens of millions in damage and police overtime, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler warned "right wing" groups not to protest in his destroyed city. Not far left enough for the far leftists burning Portland, progressives called for Wheeler's resignation while he blamed Trump for all of it.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio recently cut \$1 billion from the city's police budget. When the city's murder and shooting rates doubled this summer, de Blasio blamed covid, not his abandonment of the police.

As President Trump balks at saddling all U.S. taxpayers with the cost of de Blasio's malfeasance, the mayor claims this "makes no sense."

Well before the grand jury convened to investigate the death of Breonna Taylor and all the facts of the tragic incident were revealed, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer authorized a payout of \$12 million to her family. Fischer's response to the riots in May and September was virtually nonexistent and led the city council to request his resignation.

Liberal governors Tim Walz (D-MN), Jay Inslee (D-WA), Kate Brown (D-OR), Andrew Cuomo (D-NY), and Andy Beshear (D-KY) offered no criticism of these mayors' lack of action in the face of violence.

It's not just these five cities with unprotected citizens. An analysis of recent crime data shows that of the 20 cities with the highest projected murder rates, 18 are controlled by liberal Democrats.

Fadi Faouri is a Jordanian immigrant who runs a Louisville smoke shop. After his store was torched, he was accosted by a mob demanding he say "black lives matter." He refused.

Appearing on "Tucker Carlson Tonight," Faouri was shown telling a BLM protester, "I only see you as a human being." His final comment to Tucker was, "I'm a free man."

Mr. Faouri suffered under politically motivated lawlessness. As America tries to recover from destruction caused by officials who arguably chose to vilify a political opponent over quelling riots, we could use a lot more Faouris.

As the former mayor of a major metropolitan area, I watch and grieve as left-ist-run cities become killing fields. Nearly 90% of African Americans murdered in the U.S are killed by other African Americans.

Between 2017-2019, there were 1,226 white people killed in police-involved shootings and 487 black people. Local and state officials need to acknowledge these truths and focus on honest problem-solving.

Liberal mayors must be held to their oaths and elevate the safety of their citizens above their quest to achieve socialist political objectives.

At the most basic level, this means upholding a system of law and order that protects the rights of each American. No citizen deserves, or should expect, anything less.



An article by Walter Williams titled "The Fight for Free Speech" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on Oct. 7, 2020. Following is the article.

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The violence, looting and mayhem that this nation has seen over the last several months has much of its roots in academia, where leftist faculty teach immature young people all manner of nonsense that contradicts common-sense and the principles of liberty.

Chief among their lessons is a need to attack free speech in the form of prohibitions against so-called hate speech and microaggressions.

Here are examples of microaggressions.

- "You are a credit to your race."
- "Wow! How did you become so good in math?"
- "There is only one race, the human race."
- "I'm not racist. I have several black friends."
- "As a woman, I know what you go through as a racial minority."

It is a tragic state of affairs when free speech and inquiry require protection at institutions of higher learning. Indeed, freedom in the marketplace of ideas has made the United States, as well as other Western nations, a leader in virtually every area of human endeavor.

A monopoly of ideas is just as dangerous as a monopoly in political power or a monopoly in the production of goods and services.

We might ask what is the true test of a person's commitment to free speech?

The true test does not come when he permits people to say those things he deems acceptable. The true test comes when he permits people to say those things that he deems offensive.

The identical principle applies to freedom of association; its true test comes when someone permits others to voluntarily associate in ways that he deems offensive.

While free speech has been under attack, we are beginning to see some pushback. More than 12,000 professors, free speech leaders and conservative-leaning organization leaders have signed "The Philadelphia Statement."

The 845-word document says in part: "Similarly, colleges and universities are imposing speech regulations to make students 'safe,' not from physical harm, but from challenges to campus orthodoxy. These policies and regulations assume that we as citizens are unable to think for ourselves and to make independent judgments. Instead of teaching us to engage, they foster conformism ("groupthink") and train us to respond to intellectual challenges with one or another form of censorship. A society that lacks comity and allows people to be shamed or intimidated into self-censorship of their ideas and considered judgments will not survive for long. As Americans, we desire a flourishing, open marketplace of ideas, knowing that it is the fairest and most effective way to separate falsehood from truth. Accordingly, dissenting and unpopular voices—be they of the left or the right—must be afforded the opportunity to be heard. They have often guided our society toward more just positions, which is why Frederick Douglass said freedom of speech is the 'great moral renovator of society and government'."

The recognition of the intellectual elite attacking free speech is not new. In a 1991 speech, Yale University President Benno Schmidt warned: "The most serious problems of freedom of expression in our society today exist on our campuses. The assumption seems to be that the purpose of education is to induce correct opinion rather than to search for wisdom and to liberate the mind."

Tyrants everywhere, from the Nazis to the communists, started out supporting free speech rights. Why? Because speech is important for the realization of leftist goals of command and control. People must be propagandized, proselytized and convinced.

Once leftists have gained power, as they have in most of our colleges and universities, free speech becomes a liability. It challenges their ideas and agenda and must be suppressed.

Attacks on free speech to accommodate multiculturalism and diversity are really attacks on Western values, which are superior to all others. The indispensable achievement of the West was the concept of individual rights, the idea that individuals have certain inalienable rights that are not granted by government. Governments exist to protect these inalienable rights.

It took until the 17th century for that idea to arise and mostly through the works of English philosophers such as John Locke and David Hume. And now the 21st century campus leftists are trying to suppress these inalienable rights.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Racial Deceptions" was posted at [jewish-worldreview.com](http://jewish-worldreview.com) on Oct. 14, 2020. Following is the article.

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During slavery, many black women, often in a forcible union with a white man, bore mixed-race children. Based on their percentage of white blood, they were deemed "mulattos," "quadroons," "octoroons" or even "hexadecaroons."

Depending on skin color, they could pass as white and avoid the gross racial discrimination suffered by their darker skinned brothers and sisters. This was portrayed in a 1949 motion picture titled "Pinky" that highlighted "passing" for white.

Now the tables have been turned with some white women claiming they are black.

- For years, Rachel Dolezal claimed that she was black.

As a result of her deception, she became president of the Spokane, Washington, office of the NAACP and an instructor of Africana studies at Eastern Washington University. Her two white parents outed her.

- Just recently, Jessica Krug, George Washington University professor of history, who for years claimed that she was black, confessed that she was white.

Her faculty bio listed her as a scholar in African American history, imperialism and colonialism. Krug, in a fit of contrition, apologized for her "continued appropriation of a black Caribbean identity." She confessed: "I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech." After Krug's confession, she resigned from the GWU faculty.

- An Indianapolis activist for Black Lives Matter, Satchuel Paigelyn Cole, born to two white parents, has admitted to pretending to be black for years.

- CV Vitolo-Haddad, a graduate student at UW's School of Journalism and Mass Communications, after faking her race, has resigned from her teaching position and stepped down as co-president of the school's chapter of the Teaching Assistants' Association.

One cannot be sure about race these days because of "blackfishing," a trend in which people alter their appearance to present themselves as black.

Dolezal, Krug, Cole and others are not the only white women who have benefited from racial fakery.

- Sen. Elizabeth Warren, sometimes called "Pocahontas," claimed that she was of Cherokee Indian ancestry. That helped her land a job at diversity-hungry Harvard University as a professor of law and was paid \$400,000 to teach two courses. She described herself as a minority in the Harvard Law School directory and claimed that her great-grandfather was Cherokee. Not only was her great-grandfather not a Cherokee as she claimed but he was a white man who boasted of shooting a Cherokee Indian.

By the way, if as it has now become acceptable to call oneself a woman, when one has the anatomical equipment of a male, then why isn't it okay to claim that one is black, Latino or Asian when one is really Caucasian?

According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, people self-identify their race or ethnicity.

Personally, I do not hold Dolezal, Krug, Cole, Warren or other undiscovered university professors at fault for racial fakery.

- I am guilty of the same during my troubled time in the Army.

In 1960, landing in Incheon harbor in Korea, I tried to fake my race. Arriving soldiers were required to fill out a form containing information such as blood type,

religion and next of kin. I checked off "Caucasian" where it asked for race. A chief warrant officer, in charge of inspecting the forms noticed the entry and told me I should have checked off Negro. I told him that if I put down "Negro," I would get the worst job over there. The warrant officer probably changed the designation.

Some years ago, I declared myself a springbok trapped in a human body. A springbok is a highly agile, cute, deer-like animal that resides in southern and southwestern African.

Some people suggested that I suffered from a condition known as species dysphoria, in which one thinks he is a wild animal trapped in a human body. Species dysphoria is similar to gender dysphoria, a condition in which a person believes he is a woman trapped in a male body or a man trapped in a female body.

Psychological counseling was recommended, which, in my opinion, is nothing less than animal phobia. One might ask, "Williams, why in the world would you want to call yourself a springbok?"

The reason is quite simple. There is nothing in the Internal Revenue Code that says springboks have a federal tax obligation. If IRS officials were to demand that a springbok pay taxes, they could be referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for prosecution and reported to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "Beware of the Flu Shot Bullies" was posted at creators.com on Oct. 6, 2020. Following is the article.

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Dear skeptical Americans: You have every right and reason to be hesitant about rolling up your sleeves and submitting to flu vaccine jabs this year.

The public health-industrial complex bureaucrats who have flip-flop-flipped on universal mask-wearing during this covid-19 chaos are the same ones now pushing universal flu shots. Assurances about the safety and efficacy of seasonal influenza immunization should be taken with a boulder of salt.

The actual scientific literature, as opposed to government-promoted propaganda, shows that safety and efficacy evidence is lacking on all fronts across all age groups.

Even more alarming: While gullible journalists regurgitate panicked talking points about a "twindemic" of covid-19 and flu this fall and winter, scientific data suggests that taking the flu shot may increase the risk of influenza or other non-influenza respiratory viral infections.

Just four months ago, a study published by the Evidence-Based Medicine, Public Health and Environmental Toxicology investigated whether the seasonal flu vaccine played a role in increasing covid incidence and mortality.

“We found statistically significant positive correlations between” the vaccination coverage rate and reported covid-19 incidence, “as well as mortality for Europe and the USA,” the team reported.

“A statistically significant positive correlation was also found between the VCR and the covid-19 case fatality rate (CFR) for Europe . . . Our analysis indicates that receiving seasonal influenza vaccination(s) in the past might be an additional risk factor for the elderly in terms of enhanced susceptibility to infection with SARS-CoV-2 and higher likelihood of a lethal outcome in case of infection. More research about this possible risk factor is urgently needed.”

You don’t say.

But as always, Feckless Anthony Fauci casts his public health pronouncements as unassailable moral imperatives.

(Remember: First, it was selfish to wear a mask because health workers needed them more than the rest of us did during shortages—and they didn’t do anything to protect the wearer, anyway. Then, it was selfish not to wear a mask because we “have to do our part to stop the spread of covid”—even though there is still no scientific support for universal mask mandates.)

Well, Fauci now tells us that we all need flu shots because it’s “our personal responsibility to protect ourselves,” but also “the vulnerable around us, including young children, pregnant women, adults, 65 years of age or older and those with underlying chronic health conditions.”

What Fauci won’t tell you: Health care workers have for years objected to mandatory flu shots, citing several meta-analyses by the respected Cochrane Collaboration and studies by other mainstream researchers showing weak or no evidence that vaccinated workers are less likely to transmit the flu virus.

In fact, after publishing an analysis of 50 controlled studies of flu shots in healthy adults, the Cochrane Collaboration in 2010 found only “modest” benefits of reducing flu symptoms and concluded that there was “no evidence” that the shots affected flu complications such as pneumonia.

The independent Cochrane researchers slammed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for ignoring the “quality of the evidence” and instead quoting “anything that supports their theory.”

The Cochrane Systematic Reviews, the gold standard for evidence-based scientific analysis, studied flu shots in children and found that “little evidence is available for children younger than two years of age.”

Moreover, its researchers noted in 2012, “It was surprising to find only one study of inactivated vaccine in children under two years, given current recommendations to vaccinate healthy children from six months of age in the USA, Canada, parts of Europe and Australia.”

Six years later, the Cochrane team found there was still not enough data to determine the effect of vaccination on school absenteeism and parental work

absenteeism. And the effect of repeat flu shots on kids, the team concluded, was “uncertain.”

As for pregnant women: In 2017, a study conducted by the CDC itself and published in the peer-reviewed journal *Vaccine*, reported an association between repeated flu vaccination and miscarriages.

The results confirmed an earlier 2013 study published in *Human & Experimental Toxicology* that uncovered a flu shot-miscarriage link in women who received both the seasonal and the pandemic H1N1 flu shot during the 2008-2009 flu season. Earlier research hypothesized that a “synergistic fetal toxicity” might have resulted from receiving both pandemic and seasonal flu shots.

Independent journalist and researcher Jeremy R. Hammond, who has meticulously documented peer-reviewed scientific analyses of flu shot impact on children, pregnant women and the elderly, rightly summarizes the push for mandatory flu shots (now a reality for schoolchildren in Massachusetts) as a “mass uncontrolled experiment” without informed consent.

How much longer will you be a guinea pig?

Just say no to the flu shot bullies and ask this question: Where are the “My body, my choice” zealots when you need them?



An article by John Stossel titled “A Tale of Two Camps” was posted at [patriotpost.us](http://patriotpost.us) on Oct. 14, 2020. Following is the article.

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When covid-19 hit, I quarantined in Eastern Massachusetts.

Biking around the woods, I noticed something strange.

There are two campgrounds near my house. One is full. Lots of people pitch tents or park trailers at a place called Maurice’s.

A short bike ride away is a much bigger campground that’s almost entirely empty.

Why? It’s the topic of my new video.

The empty campground is run by the state.

It has great facilities: a new paved road, new bathrooms, etc. Signs direct people to campsites, even to group camping, but there are almost no people. Dozens of picnic tables are turned upside-down.

What a shame. This would be a great place to spend time during the pandemic.

I asked one of the few people camping, “Why is this place so empty?”

“Everything is sold out,” he responded.

Indeed, signs do say, "Camp is Full." But the camp is the opposite of full.

"I think it's so empty because of covid," said another camper.

"Why would covid-19 make it empty?" I ask. "It's camping! You got lots of room."

She agreed, saying she's also wondered about that.

We asked the Massachusetts Department of Parks why its camp was largely empty. They didn't respond. We kept calling and emailing until, nine days later, someone told us that they'd "had difficulties hiring seasonal employees."

Really?! This summer, Massachusetts had the highest unemployment rate in America. The state offers to pay workers up to \$25 an hour, including benefits. Yet, they can't find people who'd work outdoors in a beautiful place in the summer?

Maurice's Campground managed to hire enough staff. They have to because Maurice's is privately owned. If they don't please customers, then they can't stay in business. "If there was no staff, we were the staff," says owner John Gauthier.

Gauthier innovates. Sometimes campers have helped clean the camp or staff the office. To save water, he charges customers 25 cents for six minutes in the shower. At the state camp, water is free; campers can waste all they want.

The government bought the property in 2019 for \$3.6 million. Last year, the camp's revenue fell thousands short of its operating costs. Now it loses even more money because it's largely empty.

Such clear demonstrations of the difference between public and private are everywhere. But few people realize the reason why.

Recently, *The New York Times* published an op-ed by "Sex in the City" actress Cynthia Nixon about her dismay over seeing her kids' public school's "chaotic . . . and profoundly unsafe approach to reopening." By contrast, her Netflix production company was totally ready.

She's become a politician, so she blames "underfunding." She doesn't mention that New York's government-run schools spend more than \$20,000 per student.

Her production company was ready because it's private. The bosses spend their own money. Spend it well, and they profit. Spend it badly, and they're out of work. That focuses the mind.

Governments spend other people's money. No one spends other people's money as carefully as we spend our own.

The owner of Maurice's Campground tries harder, and because of that, he serves many more campers than the taxpayer-subsidized camp.

"It's kind of unfair," I say to Gauthier. "You have to compete against the government, which is losing all this money."

He answers, "Yeah, it's not a great scenario, but what can we do?"



An article by Michael Brown titled "Lift Up Your Eyes" was posted at town-hall.com on Oct. 4, 2020. Following is the article.

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If you're looking for cutting-edge, political analysis, this is not the article for you. If you're looking for the latest insights on the presidential elections, you're in the wrong place. But if you're looking for spiritual wisdom and encouragement, if you want to be uplifted and inspired, then keep reading. This article is for you.

The fact is that 2020 has been an exhausting year.

We were already worn out as a country before covid-19.

The constant political tension, culminating in the impeachment hearings, was wearying.

The continual flood of sensational news, coming from all sides, was wearying.

The deepening divisions in our society, revealing massive fissures ready to split, were wearying.

Then we got hit by the virus. (In case you missed it, it's still here.)

Then we had the lockdown.

Then George Floyd was killed.

Then the protests. And the riots. And the looting. And the vandalism. And the shootings.

One day Minneapolis was in flames. Then Kenosha. Then Louisville.

One day it's masked rioters, marching into our suburbs. The next day, we can't leave our houses without a mask. (If your computer or phone has facial recognition, you have to take down your mask just to identify yourself to your own gadgets.)

As for our normal distractions, like going out to eat or watching sports, most of them disappeared for months on end as well. And the end is not yet in sight.

What if there is a vaccine? Should we take it? Will it be safe? Or is it part of some government ploy to monitor our lives? Or is this just Big Pharma's way of making more money?

Is there anyone we can trust? The medical profession? The FBI? The media? Spiritual leaders?

Yes, this is America in 2020, and frankly, it is exhausting.

Added to all this is the ticking time bomb of the November 3 elections. The first Trump-Biden debate underscored the chaotic nature of the hour, and there is no guarantee that on November 4 anything will be settled.

Even when the votes are finally counted, will either side concede with grace? Will multiplied tens of millions of Americans (again, on either side) accept the results and move on?

You might say to me, "I thought you were going to encourage and uplift me! I'm feeling much worse now than when I started this column. Thanks for nothing!"

Well, here comes the encouragement in just four short words: lift up your eyes.

Lift up your eyes and look to the one who never changes and is never shaken or moved.

Lift up your eyes and look to the one who is perfect light, without any darkness at all.

Lift up your eyes and look to the one who sits enthroned in heaven, ruling and reigning over all creation.

Lift up your eyes and look to the one who cares so deeply for you that He sent His one and only Son into the world to die so that you and I could live forever.

Look away from the chaos and pain of the moment. Look away from the confusion and despair of the hour. Look away from the division and dissension of this age. And look up.

Look up and worship the King.

Look up and worship the one who is love personified.

Look up to the Savior and Redeemer.

Then, rather than complaining or gossiping or spouting off, begin to worship.

If you need some words to say, try these, saying them out loud if you can:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:1-5)

Or maybe these: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12; try repeating this a few more times!)

You see, the Bible recognizes that many times, we will feel overwhelmed by the pressures of life, be they financial or emotional or physical or spiritual or relational. That's why there are so many prayers of desperation found in books like the Psalms, with words like these: "From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." (Psalm 61:2)

That "rock" is the Lord Himself, and when we stand firm on His foundation, we will not be moved. Our perspective will dramatically change.

That's why the psalmist also wrote these words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber

nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” (Psalm 121:1-8)

So, look away from the craziness of 2020, lift up your eyes, and begin to worship.

Your heart will be lightened. Your resolve will be strengthened. Your spirit will be encouraged. Your courage will be renewed, and rather than looking for a way to escape, you'll be looking for a way to serve and love others.

Lift up your eyes!



An article by Michael Brown titled “Once Again, Why So Many Evangelical Christians Strongly Support Trump” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

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The massive groundswell of prayer support for President Trump as he battles covid-19 reminds us of just how strong his conservative Christian base remains. Yet his performance at the first presidential debate was so unchristian that the question remains: why are so many so loyal? This illustration will help to explain.

Let's say that you and your spouse are committed Christian conservatives, raising your four children to honor the Lord and live by biblical principles. Included in those principles are the words of Jesus, who taught that the meek and the peacemakers would be blessed. That's one reason that you eschew violent entertainment, from violent video games to blood and gore movies to extremely violent sports.

You live in the suburbs, and your next-door neighbor became famous years ago as the toughest bar fighter in the region, cracking open many a skull in the process. He then transitioned to cage fighting where he has made an excellent living. And while he is a good neighbor, he is not a good role model for your kids. He uses all kinds of profanity. He still drinks. And he has multiple girlfriends.

One day, two of your kids come home from school quite shaken. They were cursed out by some older teens who mocked their Christian faith. They were spat on. And they were threatened. They were also told, “Just see what our dad is going to do to your parents! He hates Christians even more than we do. There's a good reason they call him Crazy Sam!”

Later that night, to your shock, Crazy Sam shows up at your door with three of his friends, all of them looking ominous and angry. They begin to scream threats against you, and you can see they have tire irons and knives in their hands.

Before you can respond, your neighbor comes running over, ripping into Crazy Sam and his cronies, getting stabbed and struck in the process, but beating them up even worse until they are subdued and disarmed.

Then, as the police arrive to clean things up, your neighbor leaves the attackers with a threat: "If you ever come near this family—and that includes your kids coming near their kids—I will tear you apart with my own hands."

How would you now feel about your neighbor's violence?

Would you see it in a different light?

Would you recognize that God just used this profane character, who makes his living beating people up, to save your lives?

You still might not approve of the way he makes his living, but you would have a deep sense of gratitude and even loyalty towards him. Your whole perspective would change.

Of course, this is meant as an illustration rather than a precise analogy, but the application is clear. It is not just that Trump fights. It is not even that Trump fights back. It is that Trump fights for us.

That's how many Americans feel in general. Trump is fighting for them.

(Of course, the left paints this quite differently, claiming that it is a matter of racist, white Americans wanting to keep their country white. In reality, such people represent a very small minority of the whole.)

Trump is willing to expose the lying media. Trump is willing to take on the political establishment. Trump is willing to confront the radical leftists who want to disfigure our nation. Trump is willing to call out Big Pharma.

So what if he lies too. So what if he's nasty in the process. So what if he creates deeper divisions along the way. There will always be collateral damage. But the good far outweighs the bad.

When it comes to Christian conservatives, the feelings run just as deep. There are hostile forces that want to wipe us out.

They despise our beliefs. They want to silence us in the public square. They want to indoctrinate our children in the schools. They want to steal our most fundamental liberties.

They also stand for the most egregious sin in our nation, namely, the slaughter of the unborn.

At last, we have someone fighting back for us—and for the unborn. At last, we have someone tenacious enough to keep his word no matter what.

Yes, he is the last person we would have chosen for the job, just like the cage fighting neighbor was the last person we would have looked to for help. But these are existential issues Trump is fighting for, from the life of the unborn to our religious liberties, and from standing up to Communist China to facing down Islamic terrorism. We appreciate him fighting on our behalf. (For my five-minute interview with former governor Mike Huckabee on this subject, go [here](#).)

To underscore this train of thought, what if, after Trump, Mike Pence became our president?

He is known as a committed Christian. He shares our convictions on many key issues. And he is anything but Trump in terms of his own personality and demeanor.

What would be the concern that many Christian conservatives would have? "He's not tough enough! He's too nice! He doesn't have enough backbone!"

I trust you get the point.

To be sure, I would gladly vote for a Mike Pence should he be the Republican candidate in the future, given the current state of the Democratic party. But my sense is that many, if not most conservative Christian voters would vote for Trump today rather than Pence, simply because we need a street fighter right now, and Trump is that proven man.

Where we cross a dangerous line is when we become apologists for Trump. When we defend his indefensible and even destructive behavior. When we look to him rather than to the Lord. When we are better known as Trump supporters than as Jesus followers. That's a major reason I wrote *Evangelicals at the Crossroads: Will We Pass the Trump Test?*

And by "the Trump test" I meant two things.

- First, can we vote for him without destroying our Christian witness?
- Second, can we unite around Jesus even if we don't agree about Trump?

I believe we can and must pass both aspects of the Trump test for the good of our country and for the good of our reputation. But part of passing that test ties in with our ability to explain why, despite Trump's offensive personality, we so strongly support him. He fights for us, getting battered in the process. We now feel a loyalty to him.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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### **Deficit**

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Federal Debt Tops \$27 Trillion for First Time" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://cnsnews.com) on Oct. 2, 2020.

### **Federal reserve**

- An article by Ben Holland, Alaa Shahine and Liz Capo McCormick titled "IMF [International Monetary Fund] Joins [Federal Reserve Chair Jerome] Powell and [European Central Bank Chief Christine] Lagarde Urging Governments to Keep Spending" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://bloomberg.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.

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- An article by Joseph Vazquez titled "Facebook and Twitter Contribute Over 90% to Democrats" was posted at [newsbusters.org](https://www.newsbusters.org) on Oct. 15, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Even CNN Knows That Governor Cuomo's Nursing Home Policy Killed People" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Oct. 1, 2020.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Joy Reid [of MSNBC] Reveals Why She Believes Trump Is Faking Having Covid" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Oct. 3, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Media Have Refused to Accept Trump's Rejection of Racism Since 2016—Video Shows 19 Times He's Done So" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Oct. 5, 2020.
- An article by David Marcus titled "The Media Coverage of Trump's Covid Diagnosis Was a Disgrace" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.
- An article by Madeline Osburn titled "CNN's Brian Stelter Downplayed Clinton Health 'Conspiracy Theories,' Fuels Trump Health Conspiracy Theories" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Biden Takes Less Than Half the Number of Questions Trump Does From Reporters" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Brian Flood and Joseph A. Wulfson titled "Mainstream Media Ignores, Downplays New York Post Bombshell on Hunter Biden" was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Legacy Media Fall Silent on Bombshell Report Showing Joe Biden Lied About Knowledge of Son's Foreign Business" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Facebook Is Now Officially Censoring The New York Post's Hunter Biden Bombshell" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Abram Brown titled "You Haven't Heard More About Hunter Biden's Emails Because Twitter and Facebook Didn't Want You To" was posted at [forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com) on Oct. 15, 2020.

## Tragedies of lock-down

- An article by Tristan Justice titled "More Than 3,500 Health Experts Sound the Alarm on Covid Lockdown Policies; Urge 'Focused Protection' " was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.
- An article by Kristine Solomon titled "The Frightening Scam Everyone Working From Home Needs to Know About" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Oct. 10, 2020.

## Finances

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "U.S. Added 66,000 Manufacturing Jobs in September—But Still Down 647,000 From February" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 2, 2020.
- An article by Dhara Singh titled "Landlords Can Start the Eviction Process Despite Moratorium, Government Says" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article by Jason Rantz titled "Seattle's Once-Booming Economy Will Soon Be Demolished by City's Tax-Addicted Progressives" was posted at foxbusiness.com on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Jeanette Settembre titled "Luxury Real Estate Sales Continue to Surge During Pandemic" was posted at foxnews.com on Oct. 14, 2020.
- An article by Todd Farley titled "New York Coronavirus Exodus Fuels 'Gangbusters' Maine Real Estate Boom" was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 15, 2020.
- An article titled "Bay Area Bowlers See Bleak Future for Bowling Alleys Amid Covid-19 Pandemic" was posted at cbsbayarea.com on Oct. 15, 2020.

## Green New Deal

- Looking back to 2019, an article by Adam Shaw titled "AOC's Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate" was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.
- An article by Chris Talgo titled "Climate Change Fear-Mongering Won't Put Out California's Wildfires" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

## Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article by Kyle Olson titled "'Michigan Is Now Unlocked': State Supreme Court Strikes Down Emergency Powers Law" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 2, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "CDC Study Finds Overwhelming Majority of People Getting Coronavirus Wore Masks" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

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- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Cuomo Says 'Religious Practices' of Orthodox Jews Causing Virus to Spread in New York City" was posted at nationalreview.com on Oct. 14, 2020.

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- An article by Barry Wilner and Teresa M. Walker titled "NFL Does Major Juggling of Schedule Due to Coronavirus" was posted at apnews.com on Oct. 11, 2020.

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- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "NBA Finals Game 2 Ratings Crash by 68%, Least Watched Finals Game in History" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 4, 2020.

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "NBA Finals TV Viewership Sets New Record Low for Third Straight Game" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Oct. 5, 2020.
- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "LeBron James, Jemele Hill Call Pence 'Sh\*t [Because of a Fly Landing on His Head]; Forget Fly Landed on Obama Too" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Oct. 8, 2020.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled "Viewership for NBA Finals Finale Crashes Nearly 70%" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

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- An article by Josh Marcus titled "Five North Carolina Police Officers Resign After Black Man's Overdose Death in Custody" was posted at [independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk) on Oct. 2, 2020.
- An article by Zack Linly titled "Texas Police Officer [in Wolfe City] Charged With Murder in Shooting Death of Jonathan Price" was posted at [theroot.com](https://www.theroot.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.
- An article by Todd Richmond titled "No Charges for Wisconsin Officer in Killing of Black Teen" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on Oct. 7, 2020.

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- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Another Migrant Caravan Departs for the United States" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Oct. 1, 2020.

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- An article by Taylor Knight titled "Gun Sales Surpass 2019 Totals As Women, First-Time Buyers Arm Themselves" was posted at [fox8.com](https://www.fox8.com) on Oct. 16, 2020.

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- Looking back to March, an article by Ella Nilsen titled "Voting by Mail Could Get a Boost During the US Coronavirus Outbreak" was posted at [vox.com](https://www.vox.com) on March 17, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Just a First Step in Preparing for November Elections" was posted at [bipartisanpolicy.org](https://www.bipartisanpolicy.org) on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Break-down: \$400 Million in Election Funding" was posted at [bipartisanpolicy.org](https://www.bipartisanpolicy.org) on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to June, an article by Erica Werner titled "Treasury Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, Congressional Watchdog [Government Accountability Office] Finds" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

■ Looking back to August, an article by Katie Pavlich titled “Fauci: There’s No Reason People Can’t Vote Safely in Person” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Joshua Caplan titled “Georgia: Appeals Court Rules Against Extending Deadline for Voters to Return Absentee Ballots” was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 2, 2020.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled “Supreme Court Hands Republicans [in South Carolina] a Legal Victory in the Battle Over Mail-In Ballots” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 5, 2020.

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■ An article by Joel B. Pollak titled “Rand Paul: Republicans Want a Judge, Democrats ‘Want a Politician That’ll Vote for Their Cases’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled “Democrats [Serving on] Adoption Caucus Remain Silent on Racist Attacks Against Amy Coney Barrett’s Haitian Children” was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by John Haltiwanger titled “Amy Coney Barrett Said She Wept With Her Daughter Over George Floyd’s Death, But Won’t Say Whether Racism Is ‘Systemic’ ” was posted at BusinessInsider.com on Oct. 14, 2020.

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■ An article by Matt Palumbo titled “Kamala Harris Refuses to Say If She Supports Packing the Supreme Court” was posted at Bongino.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

■ An article by Elle Reynolds titled “When FDR Tried It, Court-Packing Backfired Big Time” was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 6, 2020.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled “Flashback: [In 1983] Biden Called FDR’s Effort to Pack the Supreme Court a ‘Terrible, Terrible Mistake’ ” was posted at CNSNews.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled “Biden Campaign: Court-Packing Question Just a ‘Distraction’—‘Hypothetical’ ” was posted at CNSNews.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled “Geraldo: Biden ‘Super-Shady on the Issue of Court-Packing’—Hinting He’ll ‘Jam in a Whole Bunch of Liberal Justices’ ” was posted at CNSNews.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Jordan Davidson titled “Democrats Claim Republicans Are the Ones ‘Court Packing’ by Filling Empty Seats in the Judiciary” was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 12, 2020.

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■ An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Shelby Steele: Leftist 'Grievance Industry' Ignores Black Development, Pushes 'Racial Victimization' " was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

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■ An article by Madeline Osburn titled "Video Exposes Kamala Harris's Blatant Attack on First Amendment Rights at the Behest of Political Donors" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.

■ An article by Gillian Brockell titled "Kamala Harris's 'Little History Lesson' About Lincoln's Supreme Court Vacancy Wasn't Exactly True" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on Oct. 8, 2020.

■ An article by Ella Lee titled "Fact Check: Kamala Harris Cannot Create Property Tax to Pay for Reparations" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Hannah Bleau titled "Kamala Harris: GOP 'Endangering Lives' by Holding SCOTUS Hearing" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Crabtree titled "Consumer Watchdogs Say Kamala Harris Looked the Other Way While Utilities Set Stage for Wildfires" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

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■ An article by David Smith titled "Biden Leads Trump by 17 Points As Election Race Enters Final Stage" was posted at [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com) on Oct. 13, 2020.

■ An article by Domenico Montanaro titled "Poll: Biden Takes Double-Digit [11 Points] Lead Over Trump" was posted at [npr.org](https://www.npr.org) on Oct. 15, 2020.

■ An article by Tim Graham titled "Barrett's Catholicism Protects the Unborn; Biden's [Catholicism] Is Okay With Abortion, Church Vandalism and Protests—But Not Masses" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Oct. 2, 2020.

■ An article by Alexander Watson titled "Pro-Abortion Biden: 'I've Been Guided by the Tenets of Catholic Social Doctrine Throughout My Career' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Oct. 2, 2020.

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■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Caught Red Handed: Brennan's Handwritten Notes Prove Obama Was Briefed on Scheme to Set Up Trump" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Oct. 6, 2020.

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- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Biden Said Obama Gave 18,000 People Clemency; He Was Off by 16,073" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 6, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Joe Biden Forgets What Office He's Running For, Declares Senate Candidacy" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
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- An article by Madeline Osburn titled "Mark Cuban Tells Megyn Kelly China Is an NBA Customer: 'I'm Okay Doing Business With China' " was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article titled "Protesters Knock Down Roosevelt, Lincoln Statues in Portland" was posted at apnews.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article by Haris Alic titled "Biden Opts to Recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day Over Columbus Day" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
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- An article by Ildfonso Ortiz titled "Civil War-Era Obelisk in New Mexico Toppled After Police Left, Say Locals" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 12, 2020.
- An article by Breitbart Texas titled "Texas State Rep. [Gene Wu of Houston]: Hard to Imprison Trump If He Dies From Coronavirus" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 2, 2020.
- An article by David Ng titled "Hollywood Celebs Trash Trump Over Positive Covid Diagnosis: 'Karma'—'You're a Vile Human Being' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 2, 2020.
- An article by Jerome Hudson titled "Celebs Pile on the Hate After Trump Transferred to Walter Reed [Army Medical Center]" was posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 2, 2020.
- A video and an article by Kyle Olson titled "Watch: Leftists Chant 'F\*\*k Trump' Outside Walter Reed Hospital—I Hope He Dies' " were posted at Breitbart.com on Oct. 3, 2020.
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■ An article by Jessica Chasmar titled “Keith Olbermann: Amy Coney Barrett, Trump Supporters Must Be ‘Removed From Our Society’ ” was posted at [washingtontimes.com](https://www.washingtontimes.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

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■ An article by Neer Varshney titled “Johnson & Johnson covid-19 Vaccine Trial Paused Over Participant Developing Unexplained Illness” was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Oct. 12, 2020.

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**Isaiah 55:6-11**—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”